- WHEREAS, I, MARVIN MANDEL, Governor of the State of Maryland, did on November 14, 1973, proclaim that a state of emergency existed within the area constituting the entire State of Maryland by reason of an actual or impending acute shortage in usable energy resources; and
- WHEREAS, I further proclaimed that, in accordance with the procedures contained in Article 41, Section 15B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended by Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1973, Second Special Session, I would promulgate reasonable Orders, Rules and Regulations, as I deem necessary, to protect the public health, safety and welfare and to bring the emergency situation under control; and
- WHEREAS, On November 16, 1973, I did proclaim and issue an Order authorizing and directing the Director of my Energy Policy Office to undertake an inventory of present and projected supplies of and needs for certain energy resources, other than gasoline, within the State; and
- WHEREAS, In order to bring the emergency situation under control, it is essential that the State also have available to it as accurate and as complete information as possible regarding present and projected supplies of and needs for gasoline within the State;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1971 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 1973 CUMULATIVE SUPPLEMENT, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 1 OF THE ACTS OF 1973, SECOND SPECIAL SESSION), AND BECAUSE I AM ADVISED AND INFORMED THAT THE FOLLOWING IS REASONABLE AND NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION OF EMERGENCY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND ISSUE THE FOLLOWING ORDER, EFFECTIVE 12:01 A.M., December 6, 1973:
 - 1. The Director of my Energy Policy Office, Richard A. Batterton (herein referred to as the "Director") and any succeeding office or person as I may hereafter designate, is hereby authorized and directed to undertake an ongoing inventory of present and projected supplies of and needs for gasoline within the State, as in this Order provided.
 - All persons and entities, including, but not limited to, all suppliers, distributors, wholesale purchasers, commercial or industrial